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Attorney Docket No.: 16869K-090500US

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Akihiro MORI

Application No.: 10/643,624

Filed: August 18, 2003

For: STORAGE SYSTEM, STORAGE  
SYSTEM CONTROL METHOD,  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM  
HAVING PROGRAM  
RECORDED THEREON

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 4459

Examiner: Unassigned

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2186

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.